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TONIGHT:

Partly cloudy with a high of 80 and a low of 54.

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Partly cloudy with a high of 83 and a low of 61.

SATURDAY:

Partly cloudy with a high of 86 and a low of 62.

SUNDAY:

Partly cloudy with a high of 87 and a low of 62.

verbatim

"For those of you that came last year, I'm sure you enjoyed me taking my shirt off...maybe this year, I'll be more revealing."

Aaron Bernstein

Multicultural Center Changes Spark Conflict

By JORDY KEITH
Assistant News Editor

The Multicultural Center has more problems to deal with other than the loss of Forrest Parker, the dean of multicultural affairs. Not only has Parker gone on sabbatical for an indefinite amount of time, but the center is also facing budget cuts and a split in location.

In a memorandum to students and faculty dated May 4, 2000, Parker stated that he was leaving the college to pursue writing a book and to build his corporation, FAP Consultant and Associates. He also announced in the memorandum that the center would be moving to a new location in August.

In actuality, only part of the center was relocated. Amceta Vashee, who is serving as assistant dean with additional responsibilities while Parker is gone, will have her office in Marye House along with Belinda Collins, program coordinator, while the center itself will stay in Lee Hall. Vashee and Collins will be sharing the space in Marye House with the Residence Life and Housing, Judicial Affairs, and Student Life offices. Vashee is out of the country and could not be reached for comment.

Following Parker's departure was the announcement that the center's budget would be cut by \$12,845. Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, said that the cut was the

money that the center would have been spending on Parker's travel and conference costs if he had not gone on sabbatical.

"We took that money and put it in a different budget that can be used for [multicultural] programming," Chirico said.

Midge Poyck, who served as executive vice president and chief financial officer through this summer, created a Cultural Events and Programming account in student affairs for the extra money and added \$12,155 to it, bringing the total amount in the account to \$25,000.

"We wanted to be able to benefit multicultural affairs, but also to expand what we're doing," Chirico said. The \$25,000, which is overseen by Chirico, will be allocated to different clubs and organizations, including the multicultural center, which needs monetary assistance in sponsoring multicultural events.



Belinda Collins, Multicultural Center program coordinator, talks with sophomore Mai Van.

Chirico said that the cut in the budget will not affect any programs that the Multicultural Center sponsors, such as the Multicultural Fair, the Student Transition Program, or the Speaker's Series

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Combs Renovation Plans Finally Approved

By RYAN HAMM
Assistant News Editor

After initial rejection of the \$6.5 million plans in May to reopen Combs Hall in the fall of 2001, the state approved the plan on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

The plans call for a newly renovated Combs Hall which will house the departments of modern foreign languages, historic preservation and English, linguistics and speech. Combs Hall is currently sitting empty on the north end of campus beside Jefferson Hall.

The original working drawings, which were submitted to the Bureau of Capital Outlay Management

in Richmond, Va. last spring, did not receive approval. The bureau, an agency that monitors and manages construction projects throughout the state, did not feel completely satisfied with the drawings and decided that they must be resubmitted. The problems most commonly noted by the bureau were architectural issues

such as fire safety routes and mechanical problems.

Les Harcum, review architect at the bureau, said that safety was one of the largest concerns.

"We cannot issue a building permit that we are not sure will comply with statewide building code rules because all buildings in the state have to comply with building codes that measure the safety of the occupants within the buildings," Harcum said. "When you deal with old building renovations, it is hard because the building code assumes that the



Corey Byrnes/Bullet

Combs Hall has sat idle since its closing in 1998.

building will be brought up to today's standards."

The architectural firm Einhorn Yafce Prescott out of Richmond worked closely with the college to assure that the resubmission of plans would be approved by the

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Campus Recovers From Flooding

By JORDY KEITH and RYAN HAMM
Assistant News Editors

The Fredericksburg area received two to four inches of rain within two hours Sunday afternoon, resulting in flooding throughout the city and on campus.

Water made its way into the basements of Goolrick, Monroe, Virginia, Willard, Ball, Madison, Custis, Framar, Westmoreland, and George Washington Halls, as well as Tyler and Hamlet House, and Seacobeck.

"That type of flooding exceeds the capacity of our draining

systems," said John Wiltenmuth, assistant vice president for facilities services.

Twenty-five employees from Housekeeping and Groundskeeping came to campus that evening to help remove water and to clean up damage left from the rain.

The residential basement room in Virginia Hall was hit the hardest. The four residents found themselves in water up to their ankles, and some of their possessions, such as carpeting, were ruined.

Ryan Butts, who is a resident of the room, said her roommate

was alone in the room when she noticed water leaking through the windows and the air conditioner. After picking up power cords and electrical appliances from the floor, the police were called and the residents were told that they would have to wait for assistance due to the whole campus being inundated with the same problem.

Luckily for the residents, a different kind of help was on the way.

Numerous residents from not only Virginia Hall, but other halls on campus showed up and formed an assembly line from the

girls' window out to the side of the building.

After it had stopped raining, members of Housekeeping came to the room with a wet-vac and helped to suck up the remaining water. The residents were forced to sleep in the parlor of the building for a few nights until their room was once again livable.

The laundry room in the basement of Ball Hall was also flooded, and Vanessa Muhlenfeld, an RA, was told by campus police she would have to wait for assistance.

"They said they'd add me to the list, but for the time being I had to learn to swim," she said.

Much of the paper supply at the Document Center was destroyed, and the center, which is located in the basement of Seacobeck Hall, had to close for a day to recover from the damage, according to Amme Ingram, customer service representative.

Wiltenmuth said that he still cannot put a price figure on the damage yet, but that the college fared better than some areas of the city.

Jon O'Hea, a senior who lives on Kenmore Street, had no damage to his



Tom DeLuca Madness

Juliette Gomez/Bullet

Sophomore Mark Kazmier, deep in a hypnotic trance, entertains a packed Dodd auditorium with his dancing at the Tom DeLuca show on Sunday night.

College Incurs \$180,000 Deficit

By ELIZABETH WATERS
News Editor

Mary Washington College is \$180,000 in the hole after a financially unsuccessful 2000 summer session. This is the first summer in five years that tuition and fee revenues have not exceeded expenditures.

John Morello, assistant vice president for academic affairs and acting summer session director for January to August 2000, compiled a summer session report which listed four major factors contributing to the deficit:

- mandated 20% decrease for in-state tuition
- 12% increase in faculty salaries over 1999
- decline in total number of students enrolled
- increase in number of courses with enrollments of less than five students.

Richard Hurley, who replaced Midge Poyck this summer as the college's executive vice president and chief financial officer, explained the impact of the deficit.

"Funds the college expected to have collected in total by the end of the year will be short by [\$180,000] unless other revenue collections exceed their budgeted amounts," he said.

Hurley said that he expects that the college will generate additional revenue from the fall and spring semesters, given the strong enrollment.

"I do not anticipate any negative impact on any program at the college at this time. So far all it means is that there is less flexibility in our budget than there would be if this did not happen," he said.

According to Morello, there were 1,247 students enrolled in summer courses for 1999 and 1,166 students enrolled in summer 2000—a difference of 81 students. Morello attributes this decrease in enrollment in part to the fact that course listings were only made available online rather than in printed form.

"Having the materials available only on the web wasn't greeted enthusiastically," Morello said.

Morello said that Connie Diamant, former registrar and summer session director, decided to make summer session 2000 information available exclusively on the web as an experiment.

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Compiled by Elizabeth Waters

Los Alamos Scientist Still in Jail

Wen Ho Lee, the scientist accused of leaking Los Alamos nuclear secrets, was not released from jail over Labor Day weekend as planned. U.S. District Court Judge James Parker had signed Lee's bail-release order, but the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeal's superseded this order Friday.

Campaign Kick-Off

At the start of the fall campaign for the Presidency on Monday, Republican nominee George Bush and Democratic nominee Al Gore were neck and neck in the polls. Bush announced Tuesday his plan to spend \$200 billion reforming Medicare to aid senior citizens. Gore said Wednesday that he plans to create a new federal reserve fund to cover additional spending or debt reduction if annual budget surpluses turn out to be as large as predicted.

Wildfires Recede

Wet weather in the western United States has helped firefighters battle forest fires, after one of the worst fire seasons in U.S. history. On Tuesday, millions of acres of forest and grassland in Montana were reopened to the public after being closed by the governor last month.

Center Staff Split

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because the plans for those programs have already been put into place.

"Any impact of the budget cut is going to be a positive one because it [the \$25,000] will be able to enhance some of the programs," Chirico said.

Carmen Gillespie, assistant professor of English, commented on the changes in multicultural centers at universities nationwide.

"The multicultural centers' resources that are allocated in colleges across the country are being cut," she said. "It seems the backlash is a premature acknowledgement of a resolution of a conflict that is far from over. There is a pattern of reallocating funds in the name of equality."

Likewise, there is much controversy over the splitting of the center's staff. Many people have expressed their concerns with the location of Marye House, which is set off of campus walk in between Trinkle and Mason Halls.

"I struggled with the logic behind it," Parker said. "A center of this nature needs to be highly visible on campus." Gillespie agreed with Parker, adding that more than one student has asked her where Marye House is located.

Chirico explained that the move is to encourage interaction between Caucasian and minority students.

"The move over to Marye House with Residence Life and Student Life means that everyone would have to interact because students have to be in and out of Marye House all the time," he said. "People would be getting together and getting to know each other."

Chirico noted that the original plans were to move the entire center to Marye House, but after meeting with groups over the summer who were strongly opposed to this idea, the decision was made to move only Multicultural Affairs, who oversees the center, to Marye House.

In a recent issue of Black Issues in Higher Education, Associate Professor of Sociology William Hanson spoke out against this idea of increased student interaction, saying that "Attempts to push

inclusion typically put the burden on minority students to make bridges and adjust to the dominant culture."

At noon on Wednesday, ten professors took a brief tour of the new offices at Marye House. After first noticing that the sign in front of Marye House lists all the departments housed in the building except for Multicultural Student Affairs, they walked through the single office allocated to the multicultural department. Craig Vasey, chairperson for classics, philosophy, and religion, did not like what he saw.

"I don't see anything that suggests students will be motivated to come there or that there is any reason why they should spend time there," he said. "[The house] is all offices of administration."

The college also hopes to hire two new positions for the center. The two full-time employees will serve as mentors to students and help to plan multicultural events.

Vasey does not agree with putting new people in the center and moving old ones to a new location.

"The people who have the history with the Multicultural Center are just rendered inaccessible to students by not being in the center of campus on the ground floor where they used to be," he said.

So far, student reaction also has not been very positive towards the changes. Senior Mina Ennin, who is president of Women of Color, said that she normally has a lot of interaction with the center, but hasn't had any this year because she doesn't like the changes.

"There is no Multicultural Center now," she said. "The changes have destroyed it."

Crystal Small, an emerging leader in the center, disagreed with the split of the center. "To them the Multicultural Center is the area it's at; to us, it's the people who run it, who hang out there," Small said. She also commented on the absence of Parker.

"His being here definitely helped," she said. "We could go to him, talk to him, and laugh with him."

Parker has not said whether he will return, but the wording of his memorandum has left many to believe that he will not return.

"I will make carefully calculated decisions in the best interest for me professionally," he said.

RAs Have Roommates

By CAROLINE S. WALLINGER
Staff Writer

Once again, the annual swarm of college students has returned to campus, descending upon Fredericksburg and rushing like a tidal wave into every corner of Mary Washington College.

An unexpectedly high acceptance rate this year resulted in a freshman class of 884 students, up 42 students from last year. Consequently, Residence Life has assigned students to converted basement rooms in some buildings, and as a last resort, to Resident Assistants' rooms.

Roughly half the RAs on campus received roommate assignments this year. Assignments were given to RAs depending

feel that RAs should have more privacy so they can perform their job and maintain community relations better. Also, since RAs are not allowed to choose who they room with, potential roommate incompatibilities spring forth.

Senior Andy Ivie, a first-year RA, said that he was disappointed when he found out he would have a roommate.

"I got a roommate assignment at the end of July, about three weeks before coming back to school for training," he said. "I wasn't happy because I already had plans for what I was going to do with my room." Ivie added that he is not upset about the

her job," said Lukas. "RAs need privacy to take care of their residents. But she did have that privacy, because she was able to go into the staff meeting room when she had to meet with residents."

Before Porter became Director of Residence Life and Housing, RAs were not allowed to request to have roommates for privacy reasons. Porter says that assigning roommates to RAs is "not an unusual way to work with overcrowding issues."

"We are dealing with a group of people now being labeled the 'boomer babies,' or the children of baby boomers. Growing enrollments are a nationwide trend, and they are a challenge."

Porter said.

Mary Washington College does not guarantee housing for all students who wish to live on campus but accommodates as many as possible.

"All of the young women who were on the priority list after housing selection last year were housed, most with their preferred roommates, but we did have to turn some others away when we physically ran out of space on campus," Porter said.

For now, it seems that the roommates of RAs aren't going to be re-assigned anytime soon.

"We had a meeting last week about the situation and so far it looks like we will have to keep roommates at least through this semester," said Ivie. "The best case would be to have our own rooms second semester."

In an email sent out Wednesday to all RA staff, Porter reported that there are still 36 RAs who have roommates. This figure breaks down to four returning female RAs, 13 returning male RAs, 16 first-year female RAs, and three first-year male RAs. This number has decreased from 42 total RAs who had roommates as of last Thursday.

For now, reassigning roommates from RA rooms is a top priority for Residence Life, according to Porter. She said that a number of

students transfer or withdraw from the school during the year, and assignments will change as space becomes available.

"RAs need to realize that it is just as awkward for their roommates to be in that situation," said Lukas. "I think that if my former roommate managed to work around the situation, most others will be able to do the same, and I also think that Residence Life will find places for everyone eventually."



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Due to a large freshman class, RAs like junior Joshua Stager (top) were assigned roommates. Stager is pictured here with freshman roommate Gavin Pickenpaugh.

upon their seniority in the job, with RAs who had been working for three years scheduled to lose their roommates first, then second-year RAs and finally new RAs, according to Christine Porter, director of residence life and housing.

Assigning roommates to RAs sparked controversy on both sides.

"Many freshmen who have upper-class RAs [as roommates] tell me that they already have older sisters and don't need any more," Porter said.

Many people involved in the situation

actual roommate, just the situation.

Jennifer Lukas, a junior, lived with her RA for a semester last year. Her first year roommate found out she got an RA position in the summer and requested to keep Lukas as her roommate. The two roomed together for a semester, until Residence Life moved Lukas to a different room when space became available, to provide more privacy for the RA.

"I felt awkward sometimes because I felt I was interfering with

Campus Information

▼ Community Outreach and Resources (COAR) will be holding a community agency fair on Tuesday, Sept. 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Ball Circle (rain location Great Hall). There will be 30 different agencies and organizations on hand to provide students with volunteer opportunities. For more information, call the COAR student office at 540-654-1804.

▼ Artist Helen Mirkil, an expert in women's self-portraiture, will lecture on the work of Phyllis Ridderhof Martin on Thursday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. Mirkil's lecture will be held in the Ridderhof Martin Art Gallery and will focus on pieces currently on display in the gallery as part of the exhibition, "Caught in the Act: Portraits of the Artist at Work by Phyllis Ridderhof Martin." The

lecture is open to the public without charge, and the exhibition will be on display until Sept. 24. The gallery is located on College Avenue at Seacobeck Street, and its hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact the gallery at 540-654-2120.

▼ Hispanic Heritage Month begins September 15 and will continue through October 15. The celebration begins on campus with a kick-off event on Thursday, Sept. 14 featuring the band Mundo Lindo. The band will play world music with acoustic guitars, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., outside Lee Hall (rain location Recreation Center, Woodard Campus Center). The event is free and open to the public. For additional information, call 540-654-1044.

Police Beat

By JORDY KEITH AND RYAN HAMM
Assistant News Editors

May 11—A hit and run automobile accident occurred on College Avenue. The suspect was released on summons.

June 13—An individual made obscene phone calls to an office in Trinkle Hall. The investigation is pending.

July 13—There was an incident of grand larceny in Jepson Hall, room 219. The investigation is pending.

July 14—Larceny was reported in Alvey Hall. The report was determined to be unfounded.

Aug. 26—An act of vandalism occurred in the Sunken Road South parking lot. The incident is being investigated.

Sept. 2—Two juveniles were arrested for possession of marijuana in the Sunken Road South lot.

Viewpoints

your opinions

Campus Center Improvements

Over the past few years, the Wood Company has instituted several improvements in both Seacobeck Hall and the Eagles Nest. After last semester's dining room renovations in Seacobeck Hall, dining services has created "The Back Room" and a new recreation center in Woodard Campus Center.

"The Back Room" is great for those late-night munchies. The new menu offers appetizers and desserts that can be bought with flex dollars as well as EagleOne dollars or cash. The T.G.I. Friday's decor and the sit-down service gives students a break from the monotonous dining hall atmosphere.

The recreation center provides a central location for students to hang out and utilize the pool tables, foosball, video games, jukebox, televisions or computer terminals. It also is the home of the college's only change machine that dispenses exclusively quarters, which makes getting change for laundry an easier task.

As with the improvements made to Seacobeck Hall last year, "the Back Room" and recreation center in the campus center were constructed quickly and while classes were out of session, causing no inconvenience for students.

But nothing is perfect. There are some areas that students have concerns about. For example, some of the games in the recreation center have been out-of-order and some of the pool tables are not level. And it would be nice to be able to use meal-equivalency in "The Back Room" because the prices can quickly eat up flex dollars.

However, student complaints sometimes go too far. Some can be heard around campus moaning that the 75-cent charge to play pool is too steep and that 50 cents is just too much to ask for a game of foosball. Students now at least have the option of spending pocket change to enjoy these games. That's certainly an improvement over last semester. And with the college chipping in \$160,000 to build the recreation center, a few quarters for each game isn't too much to ask.

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Freshman Arrival Assessed By Upperclassman

ANDREW M. WARD
Guest Columnist

Freshman move-in day has always been my favorite time of year. It reminds me of the magical town of Brigadoon in that, first, it occurs only once in a dreadfully long time, and second, it bears with it a kind of fantastic illusory quality quite unlike any other day on the calendar.

On Aug. 23 I found myself around midday strolling down campus walk taking a gander at this wonderful phenomenon. What struck me most about it was the transience of it all, like a stack of moistened towels left out at a germaphobe convention.

The entire scene was a one day event. A single, staged occurrence for everyone involved to feel safe and sanctified, wholesome and pure. The irony, of course, is that everyone is faking it and those who aren't will soon join the ranks of the jaded and unholy. I'll begin with the parents.

It never ceases to amaze me the protective instinct exhibited by the fathers of nubile girls. While I am sure that, for the most part (barring those from places like Farmville), these men walk upright most of the time and carry themselves with a pleasant, amiable air, for some reason, on this day they choose

not to. Instead, they walk about, hunched over, and glaring. While this may be as result of their jobless having lifted and moved things well beyond their capacity

and are therefor nursing their strained vertebrae, I cannot help but note the similarity between them and angry gorillas. They walk perhaps five paces behind their beautiful, budding offspring with lower jaw extended and clenched fists.

They swivel their seemingly massive, and often bald, heads rapidly from side to side so that their eyes might meet any young male who dares to be taking a peek at his daughter. Nothing short of venom and fire issues from the paterno oculus and all onlookers quickly stare at the ground.

The mothers are, of course, also wearing new faces; not the simian features of their husbands, but rather that of the cooing and clucking mother hen. Fussing and fidgeting around, coordinating her sheets and curtains, trying to make sure little Suzi's flares are all next to each other and no wide legs slipped into the bunch.

FAST FACT:
The most drought resistant tree is the baobab tree. It stores 35,900 gallons of water in its trunk for later use.

They seem fairly oblivious to the boy/girl situation festering all around them. Instead, they are far too focused on being useful and making sure their baby follows all her strict rules on flossing and fabric softening forever and ever.

Then come the girls themselves; tan and trim, blissfully oblivious to the grim Seacobeck reality of the Freshman Fifteen lying in wait. They smile for their fathers and pretend not to even know what days, or nights rather, her status will change, and all that wasn't soon will be, and vice versa.

People play the game on this day, and it is wonderfully amusing to watch. Especially since it only lasts a few hours. Like the short life of the mayfly, be born, mate, and die. To the knuckle-dragging daddies, the meticulous mommies, marching males and pseudo-sexual sisters, I offer the sage's immortal advice, perhaps applicable to more than just this day, but all others as well, "This too shall pass."

In this animal parade, the boys take on the dancing peacock as their costume, and strut through campus with shoulders back and proud, chin up and eyes flashing. Full

Abercrombie and Fitch feathers are spread out and the eyes winking and smiling, dodging gorilla glares as he marches.

And the beauty of it all is how quickly it will change. The parents will go back that very night and resume their posture and humanity. They will resume their existences focused on a myriad of things outside the prospective love lives or bedding of their daughters. And the kids will also transform once the minivans have pulled away to go back to Long Island and Northern Virginia. Those strutting peacocks will have to furl their feathers once the upperclassmen charge in and steal away their sought-after mates.

And the girls must be ready for great changes. She whose lips have never been sullied by beer or boy must brace herself for what's to come. In only a matter of days, or nights rather, her status will change, and all that wasn't soon will be, and vice versa.

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Andrew M. Ward is a senior



Cartoon by Matt Fitzpatrick

Letters to the Editor

Student Urges End To Cuba Embargo

Editor:

U.S. sanctions against Cuba have continued to this day mostly as one of the last vestiges of the Cold War. Many Americans are no longer afraid of Cuba, and are thus willing to concede that a communist invasion is not imminent. However, the Cuban-American community in Florida is still fighting the government in Havana.

In the process, Fidel Castro has been

their ultimate goal seems to be a near-impossibility. There is no "culture of resistance" in Cuba, and the native Cubans aren't likely to rise up any time soon because (in spite of the embargo) they are well-fed.

And in a regime such as Cuba (and in Iraq, before the Gulf War, and in China right now) the governed know that the government will provide them with opportunities just so long as they stay out of the way. Don't screw with us, and we won't screw with you. Why use the stick when the carrot seems to be doing its job?

If there is to be any revolution in Cuba, it will have to be financed almost completely from communities from the United States. The chances of success are marginal to nil. He, ce, Cuba will stay communist until it comes from the top.

For the USSR, it was perestroika and glasnost. These programs were instituted by the Russian premier; from the top down. Hence, any substantial change in Cuba will likely come as a result of changes from within the leadership.

Because change in Cuba is going to be slow in coming, it is in America's interest to have some relations with the Cuban government. Currently, any U.S. investment in Cuba is illegal. Americans aren't allowed to spend money in Cuba or on Cuban products.

All this because America is pursuing the "Reds" at our doorstep long after we forget why, exactly, we have decided to continue a war of words and economics with a state that poses very little threat to our "way of life." It's time to end the Cuban Embargo.

so thoroughly demonized that most rational people have been deluged by the rhetoric for so long that they are wary of doing anything. The political inertia of the majority allows the Cuban-American community to shout down groups fighting to end the embargo. Their ultimate goal seems to be to depose Castro, and return to a post-communist island in some sort of triumph. In short, to lead a revolution.

Jeff Cavano

Jeff Cavano is a junior

Perceptions Of Play, In A Mixed Manner

Editor:

Ah, a new school year and new things for me to complain about. My complaint regards my run-in last year with the college theatre department. Last year, my play "Friends Should Never Kiss" was received with the highest praise from the students who attended, but sadly it received much disdain from members of the department and various, but not all, theatre majors. To them, this play was vulgar and didn't represent the kind of theatre appropriate within their community.

I was viewed personally as someone who was apathetic and only did the play to piss off the establishment. I was shunned, gossiped about and members of my cast and crew were criticized for working with me.

I write this letter to encourage Mary Washington College students who are interested in innovative, renegade theatre, to not let these works be censored. Theatre should not be confined by language, by any boundary.

My play was highly successful because I feel it was not only funny, but many students were able to relate to it, regardless of language and content. Theatre is an expression. It is a combination of words and action, apart from reality. It can be vulgar, loud, obnoxious, funny, poignant, witty and shocking - all in one.

It is our goal as theatre lovers that we don't let this kind of theatre perish simply because it is controversial and outside the norm. I urge you all to contact members

with the department and see how you can get involved.

Sean Walsh is a junior

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to the bucket brigade that bailed out Virginia Hall freshmen.



to the network's constant problems.



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to the long lines in Seacobeck Hall.

in the stars

Aquarius (Jan. 21 - Feb. 18) - Gear yourself up for a very exciting situation that is just around the corner.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) - Spend some time rehearsing the dialogue you wish to adopt in an important group situation. You need to examine all the nitty-gritty details.

Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 20) - Show compassion to people who may feel stuck in a nonproductive situation.

Taurus (Apr. 21 - May 20) - If you follow your gut instincts, you'll have a sense of just how to promote, publicize, and distribute products that will appeal to masses of people.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) - You may have to raise funds or get your needs met in a way you could not have anticipated.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) - Try to put your plans into a concrete form before you present them to those in authority. You may need to take a short trip to check out a matter you are involved in.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) - You may have to duck away from the maddening crowd to spend some time alone resolving some issues.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sep. 22) - Take charge of matters at hand in a careful way. With your strong powers of analysis, you may tend to be critical.

Libra (Sep. 23 - Oct. 23) - It is not often that you have the leisure to just do what you choose at any given moment. You'll soon be in a new frame of mind and may have to deal with details.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) - If you're upset over conversations and your inability to bring a deal to closure, focus on a different kind of activity.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21) - You may tend to overreact to group situations and partners. If you catch yourself reacting in an uncharacteristic way, you may be going over the top with your emotions.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20) - Secret associations could give you a particular glow these days. You may be upset over a leak of news you're trying to conceal.



A Mary Washington College graduate currently works at a mission in Bwadlorens, Haiti.

Graduate Helps Haitians

By KIM WHITE
Assistant Features Editor

"Arriving in Haiti was an incredible experience. The airport was chaos. I happened to arrive at approximately the same time as three or so planes. My luggage was just dropped in a corner of the airport, and after exiting the airport, people bombard you asking to carry your luggage. Dogs running free in the streets, ribs poking through their sides, and goats running around free like dogs; those things are starting to feel a little normal now as I am getting used to seeing them."

These words were written by recent Mary Washington College graduate Karen Baer about her first few moments in Haiti, where she will live and work for the next three years. Baer will work as an environmental concerns promoter on staff with the Mennonite Central Committee, an organization committed to working with community members and helping them with various needs.

Baer will spend the next three years working in Bwadlorens, a city in Haiti.

"I have not yet been to Bwadlorens, so I do not have expectations of the work that I am about to do," Baer, 22, said. "It's an assistance role rather than a take charge [role], assisting them and consulting them on what they are doing. The work is based on the community, and to do work, I think you need an understanding of the community—what are they doing already, what could be improved, what do they need. A lot of time is spent in observation and learning, and that never stops the whole time you are here."

After about a month of training in the United States, Baer was ready to travel to a rural area of Haiti for another month of training there. During this acclimation to the area, she stayed with a family for three weeks in Dezam, Haiti.

"The house [I lived in] had eight people beside me with three rooms and the house was about as big as a dorm room in Willard," Baer said.

Eager to remain in one place for a while, Baer said, "I leave Monday for my new place in Bwadlorens, and am looking forward to unpacking after spending two months living out of suitcases."

Baer left for Bwadlorens early this week. "I was limited to two suitcases for three years, each weighing 70 pounds. Now I feel as though I brought too many things. I mainly brought clothes, books, a walkman, paper to write letters because we don't have e-mail in Bwadlorens either," Baer said.

Living in Haiti will be a far different experience for Baer, who resided in Harrisonburg, Va., before leaving for her journey.

"Haiti is the size of Maryland, but has roads like you see in the SUV commercials or worse," she said. "I will live in a small house with stucco type walls, a tin roof, and cement floors. We have no running water, telephone, or electricity, but we do have a solar panel in the house which supplies a power source. The only communication we have is a radio."

"Each morning, we radio the main office in Port just to let them know things are okay, or discuss any business which may have come up. I will be living with one other MCCer who is working in reforestation."

While studying environmental science at the college, Baer was unaware that her choice of major would lead her to a project in another country, though she knew she didn't want to work in an office.

"When I first began studying environmental studies my goal was not to be stuck in a cubical all day," Baer said.

Baer knew she wanted to do some sort of mission work after graduation but was unsure exactly what that should be. Mennonite Central Committee will allow her to pursue that

kind of work.

"Around October of my senior year, I knew I had to decide what I wanted to do when May rolled around," Baer said. "I decided that I wanted to work for a Christian organization doing voluntary service. Because of my faith I knew it was important to serve others, so I had a difficult time thinking that my priorities would focus on salary or stock options. I wanted to do something to help people who are in the most need of assistance."

Baer has set goals for her work in Haiti in order to help prepare herself for what she is about to do.

"My goal is to attempt to assist people in meeting their own needs which includes environmental issues," she said. "My goal is not to create dependency on outsiders, rather assist the people I live near and work with so that when Mennonite Central Committee's presence is not in that area, the Haitian people can keep up their own programs. Independence is extremely important in development work. I will serve as a consultant or advisor."

The Mennonite Central Committee is the relief and development agency of the Mennonite and Brethren in Christ Churches of North America.

According to a Mennonite Central Committee news release, the group currently has about 850 people working in some 50 countries around the world, including Canada and the United States.

Daryl Yoder-Bronrager, Mennonite Central Committee assistant program director for Latin America and the Caribbean described the organization.

"We are somewhat like the Peace Corps but much smaller," Yoder-Bronrager said. "MCC is a relief and development organization."

According to Yoder-Bronrager, Mennonite Central Committee volunteers receive room and board in the place where they are stationed and a small stipend to help with expenses.

Money was not a top priority for Baer when she chose to go to Haiti.

"I have to admit sometimes I think it would be nice to have a nice house and make a good salary, but I know that's not important in life," Baer said. "As long as I have the basic necessities, I will be happy. There are so many people in the world who don't even have that. Now that I am in Haiti, I don't know that I would never be able to feel good about myself if I live an extravagant lifestyle."

Though she has only been in Haiti for a month and is only just beginning her stay in Bwadlorens, Baer feels safe and comfortable in the country.

"I don't feel in danger at all," she said. "People really look out for one another. In the rural area, if you don't say hello to people it's considered rude. The people I've met in Haiti are extremely friendly. Here it's common and everyone does it. It's just a sign of friendship."

As she looked ahead to the next three years living and working with the Bwadlorens people, Baer talked of what she is about to experience.

"Even though Haiti has its problems, in general, I have found the people here extremely friendly. They look out for each other, and the bonds between friends are obvious. I feel fortunate to be serving in this country. There are definitely things that make this country beautiful even though there are so many things I am gaining and will gain from this experience. I will not see Haiti through the eyes of journalists in the United States, who seem to mention all the bad things about Haiti. I will see Haiti with my own eyes, make my own interpretations, and see all the beautiful aspects of this country that I already see omitted from articles in The Washington Post or some other publication."

FAST FACT:

Ostriches can reproduce for 50 years of their 75 year lifespan. Male ostriches can roar like a lion.

COAR Takes Freshmen "Into the Streets"

By LINA PENALOSA
Features Editor

More than 20 Mary Washington College students and children from the Rappahannock Big Brothers Big Sisters organization sat riveted, for two hours, to the pottery in front of them. Armed with four paint colors and at least twice as much imagination, the two groups shared conversation and the woes of an occasional misplaced brush stroke.

Last Saturday, approximately 125 student volunteers participated in the Community Outreach and Resources (COAR) program, "Into the Streets."

"Basically, this was for incoming students," said Lea Ziobro, associate director of student activities and director of community service. "We did have some upperclassmen participate, but we wanted to make sure, right up front, that college students were made aware."

"We wanted to give them the opportunity to volunteer without any future commitments, no pressure. We wanted first and foremost for them to have fun with this. We wanted to spark their interest."

Christina Francis, a freshman, said she has witnessed the benefits of Big Brothers Big Sisters first hand through a friend in the organization.

"It's influenced him greatly," Francis, 18, said. "He's doing better in school. He loves his Big Brother. They absolutely love the time they spend together and it's gotten [the little brother] into volunteering."

Adrianne Barnett, a freshman, said the program provided a great way to get involved in campus life.

"I think it's really good that they did 'Into the Streets' the second weekend at school," Barnett said. "I was looking for a way to get into the community and the only way to get comfortable on campus is to get involved and meet people."

Kids, Barnett said, are one of the best groups to work with.

"I like working with kids of all ages," said the Dumfries, Va. resident. "This is a good program where I can have fun and give back to the community at the same time."

One 8-year-old boy, said her is looking forward to catching up with his Big Brother.

"The most fun about it, is that he likes all the sports and I do too," he said.

Lisa Bales, executive director of Rappahannock Big Brothers Big Sisters, has worked with Mary Washington College students as mentors for children, but not through the "Into the Streets" program.

"I think we've only barely scratched the surface when it comes to tapping into the college community as far as the volunteers are concerned," Bales said. "For one, there are so many. They're young and energetic and enthusiastic. There is not a huge age gap. College students are just great people."

For two hour intervals, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m., volunteers visited the Rappahannock Area Council for Child Abuse Prevention, the Fredericksburg area HIV/AIDS Support services, two elder care centers, the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC), Rappahannock Big Brothers Big Sisters and more.

Bales, a Mary Washington College alumna, said the main goal of the Big Brothers Big Sisters program is to enhance the children's self-esteem.

Rappahannock Big Brothers Big Sisters, Bales said, is designed for children from single parent homes with little or no contact with their other parent.

"They're ages 6 to 13," Bales said. "They don't have any serious emotional problems. They just need an additional role model."

Sarah Lucas, Best Buddies co-college buddy director, is drawn to an older crowd, ARC.

"I've always felt kind of drawn to people with disabilities," Lucas, a junior, said. "It seems like an area that is overlooked a lot. Everyone gets really excited about the kids, but when they get older there's not as many things for them socially."

"My heart just went out to them, it just seemed they wanted to be treated like normal people."

Through the Best Buddies program, Lucas said, volunteers can meet with their buddy once a month or more and write letters or talk on the phone.

Jen Rice, student director of COAR, said this year's turnout was better than last year's.

"People were so energetic. We definitely had more people going this year than in the years past."



Photo courtesy of Jen Rice
Tyler Vose (left) and David experiment painting pottery as part of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Matches Made in Academia

Faculty Members Who Live and Work Together

By Sara Lucas
Staff Writer

Distinguished Professor of Geography Marshall Bowen's dog, a golden retriever named Kelsey, lounges on the floor of his office. Kelsey, whom Bowen describes as "a little bit of home," often sleeps in a bed underneath the desk of another professor. The other professor doesn't mind, she's Bowen's wife.

Marshall's wife, Dawn Bowen, an assistant professor of geography, works just a few doors down from her husband in Monroe Hall. Marshall, a distinguished professor of geography, said that for the most part, the two of them are just like any two co-workers.

"There are some things we discuss [at work] because we share the same house, the same car, the same dog," Marshall said. "[But we] have to look at it as strictly a working relationship. [At work] she heads to her office, I head to my office."

Dawn Bowen declined to be interviewed. Marshall met Dawn an international affairs major, while at the college, but under rather unusual circumstances. He was a professor; she, a student.

"It was no big deal," Marshall said of their former professor/student relationship. "Today people are more concerned about that sort of thing."

Marshall met Dawn in the office of Richard Palmieri, a former geography professor. She was one course short of a geography major, and decided to double major, finishing both in four years. Marshall became her advisor for the geography major.

The two began dating when she was a junior and married a week before Dawn graduated, in 1986.

"It wasn't a big stink," Marshall said. "It wasn't a big stir. Kind of like her and I working at the same place."

Marshall and Dawn had no idea they would end up

working together when they first married 14 years ago. Marshall said. It took a long time to get to that point.

After receiving her master's and teaching a geography course at the college, Dawn decided to pursue a Ph.D. in geography.

She enrolled as a graduate student in Canadian history at Queens College in Ontario. In 1997, Palmieri's death created a vacancy in the department.

Dawn had been filling in for Palmieri during his illness and applied for the job opening. Marshall was not involved in the selection process, but said he would have moved if she had gotten a job somewhere else.

"She's at the beginning of her career, and I'm at the end of mine," said Marshall, who will retire at the end of this year.

Marshall and Dawn generally do not see each other much during the day, but they like the convenience of working a few doors down from each other. They take the same car to work, which generally works out unless they have to leave at different times.

A married couple working together, Marshall said, would not work out if they were constantly in each other's offices or interfering with each other's work. He and Dawn have not had that problem.

"It's just like working with someone else," Marshall said, adding that they still help each other out sometimes. For example, Marshall said, Dawn is giving a presentation in Canada soon and asked him to show a video to one of her classes while she is gone.

Although the Bowens' marriage has been a success, Marshall said, in general, he would not recommend a professor dating a student. Primarily, he said, because they would still have to see each other often if the relationship didn't work.

"As a general rule of thumb, it's probably not a good idea," Marshall said. "But that doesn't mean it can't work."

Overall, Marshall feels that he and his wife have had a positive effect on the students.

"Maybe we provide a little bit of a family for the students," he said.

Another married couple, Bill and Mary Kemp, also work at the college.

Bill Kemp is chair of the English, linguistics and speech department and Mary Kemp is an assistant registrar.

They met in freshman English at Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi, but didn't start dating until their junior year.

Their freshman English professor sat all of his students alphabetically, alternating males and females. Mary Ivy and Bill Kemp were seated next to one another.

"[The professor] said he wanted to foster a romance and a marriage," Bill said, explaining the male/female seating.

Bill and Mary married in 1964, the summer after graduation from Millsaps. They moved to Fredericksburg in 1970 and he started teaching at the college that August.

Mary, who had been a elementary education major, started working a year later as a fifth grade teacher. After two years, she then worked in the registrar's office at Mississippi State while her husband studied for his master's degree. She also worked in the registrar's office at the University of South Carolina while Bill worked toward his Ph.D.

Although the Kemps don't see each other much since they work in different buildings, Bill said that it is convenient that she works at the same school because she has access to the college computer at home.

"She is plugged into the unwritten information that circulates in [George Washington Hall]," he said.

Mary said that there are advantages to working at the same college. Two of those are they have many of the same friends and they have the same holidays. Working at the same school, she said, brings them closer together.



Photo courtesy of Marshall and Dawn Bowen

The Bowens, Dawn (left) and Marshall, are both professors of geography.

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Sept. 10: vs. Washington College, 4 p.m.

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Sept. 13: at Goucher College

Women's Soccer

Sept. 9: at Eastern College

Volleyball

Sept. 8-9: at Gettysburg Tournament
Sept. 12: at St. Mary's College

Cross Country

Sept. 9: Virginia Wesleyan College
Invitational (Men Only)

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Mens Soccer

Sept. 2: ppd. Elizabethtown
Sept. 5: MWC 3 Randolph
Macon 0

Women's Soccer

Sept. 2: ppd. Gettysburg

Volleyball

Sept. 1: MWC 3 Villa Julie 0
Sept. 2: MWC 3 Shenadoah 1
Sept. 2: MWC 3 Lebanon Valley 1
Sept. 5: MWC 3 Christopher
Newport 0

Field Hockey

Sept. 2: MWC 4 Washington
College 1
Sept. 3: MWC 5 Frostburg State 3
Sept. 6: MWC 3 Villa Julie 1



Abby Porter celebrates a goal against Frostburg State. The Eagles have started the season red hot scoring 12 goals in their first three games.

athlete of the week

Abby Porter Field Hockey

Senior Abby Porter is waisting no time in having a stellar senior season. She tallied two goals in a 3-1 victory over Villa Julie. Porter leads the team with three goals.

Lady Eagles Eye A nother Post Season Run in 2000

By BRYAN JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Entering their 12th year under head coach Kurt Glaeser, the 2000 MWC women's soccer team looks to improve on last year's 11-5 record and earn its fourth NCAA tournament bid in as many years. The Eagles enter the season ranked 14th in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll. After losing only three seniors to graduation, Glaeser's squad features a solid corps of returning starters.

"It is ossibly the strongest freshman class I have ever had. There are a lot of new faces this season," said Glaeser.

"This is certainly the strongest freshman class since I've been here," said senior co-captain Sarah Downey. "The sheer number of freshman players will push seniors and juniors to step up one level of play and step into leadership roles."

The biggest off-season loss is Johanna Klein, a 1999 All-Conference and All-State forward.

"Johanna was our big breakout player," said Glaeser of his graduated player. Despite the loss of Klein, the Eagles return five of their top six scorers from last season and have added a considerable amount of speed to this year's team.

Downey, who has received All Region honors twice, will lead this year's defensive unit, and team up with junior Jacqui Loesch in the backfield. Freshmen Hannah Slotnick, Rachel Vaccaro, Lauren Eisold,

and sophomore transfer Rachel Chretien will all compete for playing time this season.

The Eagles' midfield features one of the top players in Division III. Senior co-captain Ellen Anderson, the 1999 CAC Player of the Year and All American, looks to team with fellow seniors Marlene St. Germain and Sarah Zelnak to provide leadership to the younger players on the squad. The three

"Possibly the strongest freshman class I have ever had. There are a lot of new faces this season."

Kurt Glaeser

upperclassmen accounted for a large amount of the Eagles' scoring last year. Anderson tallied 32 points. St. Germain notched six goals and seven assists, while Zelnak added six goals and eight assists.

The forwards will be led by senior Laura Stafford, who saw limited playing time after missing most of last season due to two major knee injuries. Glaeser sees Stafford as a starter, noting that she scored the lone Mary Washington goal in the Sept. 2 game against Gettysburg College that was postponed because of lightning.

Also returning is junior Bridget White, a first-team All-CAC player who scored seven

goals and five assists in the 1999 campaign. Freshman Alyssa Ehret is also expected to compete for playing time this season.

Glaeser expects this year's squad to have depth and speed.

"We will be able to keep up with teams that have given us problems in the past," he said. "We're not a real physical squad this year, and the team needs time to mesh together. There's a lot of analysis taking place."

"The amount of freshmen will make it hard for us to adjust this season, because a lot of us have been playing together for a few years," said Downey. "[However], we all get along off the field, which helps us when we play together on the field. It may take a few games to get used to each other, but we're not really worried."

Even though there is some adjusting to do, the Eagles have lofty expectations for this year. "We'd like to be Conference champs and advance to the Final Four this year," Glaeser said. "But as I tell my players, we don't want to look too far ahead."

The Lady Eagles took their first step towards a successful season defeating Villa Julie 2-1 on Sept. 6. The game was highlighted by junior defender Rebecca Vaccaro assisting her sister sophomore Rachael Vaccaro for the game deciding goal.



Joel Nelson/Bullet

Senior Laura Stafford challenges an Elizabethtown opponent for the ball last Tuesday.

Mens Soccer Looks to Soar to New Heights

Eagles win season opener against Randolph Macon

By KRISTY LEONARD
Assistant Sports Editor

The throngs of students that clamored at the Battlefield will not forget the apex of the 1999 Homecoming game when then

sophomore Aaron Bernstein ripped off his shirt in a fit of excitement after scoring a goal.

The men's soccer team is looking to carry that enthusiasm into their 2000 campaign. Bernstein, now a junior, was awarded All-Conference and All-Regional honors last season and has returned in hopes for another great year.

"The returnees are a very tight unit and hopefully with good leadership, we'll be able to mold and gel as a team and complete our goal of winning the conference tournament and going to the national one," said Bernstein.

The team defeated Randolph Macon (3-0) last Tuesday, already on their way to a winning season.

Soccer coach Roy Gordon has the same competitive goals in mind as he does each year: winning the conference championship and national tournament.

"Rebuilding the defense is one of our concerns, and how that defensive structure will hold together with virtually new starters," said Gordon.

Among the recent graduates are second team All-CAC and goal keeper, J.T. Nino, sweeper Jordi Kleiman, two year captain

and first team All-CAC Kelly Coffey and three year All-CAC performer, Kevin Linton.

Although the team lost three out of their five defensive players, sophomore Ryan Geib has returned as stopper and believes the team will pull through for a strong year. Last season, Geib made second team All-CAC.

"The season looks really good," said Geib. "I think we have a good team that might surprise people."

Sophomore Michael Nissim-Sabat believes the team can look to the freshmen this year as valuable assets.

"We're more together as a group this year than last year," said Nissim-Sabat. "The freshmen will make a significant impact

and we have big expectations."

Despite key losses in both in leadership and talent the Eagles look to both challenge for a CAC title and usher in a new millennium of Eagles soccer.

As for Homecoming 2000, Bernstein might just make it another day to remember.

"For those of you that came last year, I'm sure you enjoyed me taking my shirt off...and maybe this year I'll be more revealing," said Bernstein



Joel Nelson/Bullet

Sophomore Ryan Geib plays the ball downfield versus Randolph Macon. The Eagles host the MWC Classic this weekend.

A Call to Arms to The MWC Student Body

By KURT THURBER
Sports Editor

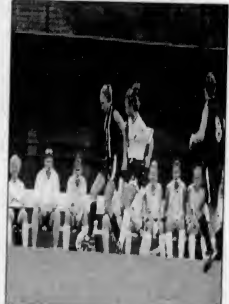
My name is Kurt Thurber and I will be your sports editor for the school year. This job has many responsibilities: sports, occasionally proposing a constitutional amendment or doing some vigilante crime fighting when I see injustice. I just want to share my feelings about coming back to Mary Washington College and covering sports for the loyal readers (Hi Mom!)

Every year it is the same pattern when I arrive on campus ready to take on the world. I feel like the valentictorianship is mine for the taking (I have a 2.6 GPA. I think it will happen). Then after buying my books and being 15 minutes late to my first class, like a groundhog seeing its shadow, I contemplate dropping out of school and touring America courtesy of a big rig.

So right now I know what you are thinking: "Kurt why are you here when the open road is calling?" Well, it is that first weekend afternoon when the birds have stopped chirping because they have been doing that since sunrise and that is when I went to bed. I rise and stumble to the nearest source of water shoving my roommate aside to drink from the showerhead. After that fiasco is all said and done I plopp down on the couch garnishing nothing but a T-shirt and Old Navy boxers and turn on the most giving thing I know, my television. There, in front of me, are 60,000 people watching their fellow students represent their school in football. That is when my epiphany comes: I stay in school to live vicariously through other college students at other schools enjoying their sports teams.

"Kurt, are you saying we need a football team?" Let me answer that with an emphatic NO!! I have enough trouble getting a date and the last thing I need is competition from 40-50 guys who lift weights and can bench press my car.

"Kurt, you're rambling what are you talking about?" Well, I am talking about coming out in a tour de force to watch Aaron Bernstein help the men's soccer teams in the CAC lose their jocks or watch field hockey player Jessica Morris score more often than Mick Jager back stage. That's right 1,000 screaming students to watch senior soccer player Ellen Anderson playing defense cooler than an ice cold O'Doul's. I am talking about



Joel Nelson/Bullet

Senior Ellen Anderson is one of many Mary Washington athletes that deserve adoration by the student body

spontaneous acts of lust such as rushing the pool after the synchronized swimming team does their thing. Maybe tailgating before crew regattas and letting all the zanniness of our youth run rampant with a little school spirit.

We have athletes on this campus that work just as hard as Michael Vick, Juan Dixon or Drew Brees. Maybe not as talented but who cares? These young men and women are very good athletes at the top of their athletic prowess. I say we show them a little love or more love than we have given and maybe a hug after the game. It is a win, win situation on attending a MWC athletic event. You get to be outside, talk as loud as you want and it is the one thing on this campus that is free.

"Kurt I am lost, I have a headache you want to go hang out at the newly renovated campus center and play some air hockey?"

Sure as long as you pay and don't worry guys I am just getting warmed up for my big graduation speech.

Make Love Not War,
Kurt Thurber

Mary Washington 2000 Leading Scorers

Mens soccer	Goals	Assists
Paul Stepanick	1	1
Jamie Scully	1	1
Adrian Burke	1	1

Field Hockey	Goals	Assists
Abby Porter	3	1
Chrissy Sopo	1	2
3 tied	1	1

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Chasing Away Those Summertime Blues

By PHILLIP GRIFFITH
Assistant Sports Editor

While most MWC students were busy readjusting to home-cooking, curfews, and dial-up modems, several spring sports teams continued college life late into May preparing for the latter rounds of NCAA competition.

Last year the women's lacrosse team dominated throughout their entire season and finished with its best record ever. Because of its elevated level of play, the team had to stay and practice after the school year ended. The Eagles finished with a 15-3 record and a national ranking of fifth with four players being named All-Americans; current seniors Bridget Geiman, Jenni Foy, Kate Weller, and graduate Diane Grimm.

After losing 12-10 to rival Salisbury State in the final of the Capital Athletic Conference tournament, the Eagles received their first invitation ever to the NCAA tournament, where in the first round they defeated Randolph Macon 12-10 to advance to the quarterfinals. MWC then fell to Williams College who was the national runner-up.

The women's tennis team also stuck around after classes ended to compete in the NCAA's REGIONAL "May Madness" for the 14th time in 17 years. The team lost 5-4 in the first round of the tournament to the College of New Jersey as they finished with a final record of 10-5.

"Well, we pretty much felt last year that [after] losing three of our top six, we were successful. Overall, I think we felt pretty good with what we accomplished," said the first year head coach Cindy Vander Berg.

After completing their most successful season ever, the men's team also had to stay and practice for the NCAA south

regional, which MWC hosted for the first time. The Eagles won the CAC title by defeating Salisbury State, and in the first round of the regional, MWC played Salisbury for the third time this season. SSU challenged the Eagles with the score tied at 3-3. Connor Smith won the deciding match to propel MWC to the round of 16. The team then played Trinity Texas University and lost, but the Eagles lost to the eventual NCAA champions.

"[Being that successful] was a lot of fun [and] a great experience overall," said fifth seed Kevin Loden.

The track and field team was the only other team that kept its elite at school practicing after most students left for national

competition. Graduates Kim Alvis and Yurissa Mitchell represented the women's teams as Alvis placed eighth in the 400 meter run and Mitchell earned third in the triple jump in the national competition. Rising sophomores Peter Diamond and Bobby Bergin both also qualified in the 200 meter run and the high jump respectively. Rising seniors Andy Ivie, Mike Merker, and Jon Thompson joined Diamond in the 4 x 100 relay where the eagles seeded 15th placed 12th overall.

"Our hard workover the season allowed us to enjoy a few more weeks of Seacoast goodness. The trip to Chicago was pretty cool too," said Diamond.



Joel Nelson/Bullet

All-American Bridget Geiman led the Eagle to the NCAA tournament. The women's lacrosse team were not the only MWC athletes to find success in the dog days of summer.



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Freshman Adriene Trombley (right) junior Jessica Morris and freshman Shannon Noble await a corner for another scoring opportunity. On Sept. 6 the Eagles defeated Villa Julie 3-1. The Lady Eagles are 3-0 and have received national recognition garnering top ten votes.

Horsing Around: Sophomore Shows World Champion

By CAROLYN MURRAY
Staff Writer

Rebecca Nelson, 19, is surprisingly modest, considering the horse she trained and showed won the 2000 American Quarter Horse Youth Association (AQHYA) World Champion for the halter class.

Nelson, a sophomore from St. Leonard, Md., entered the contest

47 states and 3 countries competed from August 4 to 12.

The competition is "basically a beauty contest for horses," Nelson said. The judging focuses on leading the horse, confirmation, which means that the horse must be balanced and have straight legs, and the overall appearance of the animal. Nelson had to keep her yearling mare, positioned perfectly still for 1 and 1/2 hours.

Nelson's show and the Equestrian Team's competitions is a matter of style. Nelson participated in a Western event, while MWC riders practice English style, which is more formal. Although Nelson did not actually ride her horse, the competition is still considered Western riding.

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Champion for the halter class.

Nelson, a sophomore from St. Leonard, Md., entered the contest almost every year since the time she was seven, but this championship is her first. Nelson's horse, Ain't She Slately, received perfect score at the competition on Aug. 11 by defeating approximately 750 other competitors.

In addition to the title, judges presented Nelson with a jacket, a show blanket, materials to train her horse, and a silver and gold belt buckle, worth \$1,500. A benefit of the title also doubles the value of her horse, to approximately \$100,000.

The contest is open to all people up to age 19. The finals, held in Fort Worth, Texas, brings the top 30 horses from 20 classes, each class divided by age and gender of the animal. According to The American Quarter Horse Association website (www.aqha.org), the best horses from

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Junior Eric Haas, president of the MWC Equestrian Club, acknowledged the difficulty of preventing a year-old horse from moving. "It's young, and it does take training," he said.

Nelson is not involved with the riding team at MWC, although she did take a riding class last year. She has been riding for most of her life, but an accident two years ago forced her to focus primarily on showing instead.

"[Showing is] almost completely different from riding," Nelson said. "You're still dealing with horses and maneuvering the horse's body. You're just on the ground when you're showing, instead of on the horse."

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"I've had them since the day I was born," she explained.

Nelson also spent the past two summers working at Clark Rassy Quarter Horses Ranch in Texas. She spent three hours out of her 15-hour day focusing on Slately, readying her for the competition.

After hearing of Nelson's victory, fellow co-worker and horse trainer Chris Baccari said, "I didn't believe it."

After coming in 5th in 1999, Nelson hoped to do well, but was not expecting first place. "I just [went] out and present[ed] my horse well," she said. "She was so fun to be around. Winning the title just made it that much better."

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On the first two days of classes, over 50 students auditioned for Vaudevilles, a series of six short one-act comedies which will be opening the theatre department's season, which runs from Sept. 21 to Oct. 1.

To the typical audience, these plays, written by Anton Chekhov, are not exceptionally well-known pieces, explained department chair Gregg Stull. "We aim to do our first production over Parents' Weekend," he said. "It's very difficult to find the perfect play to do in that slot. Chekhov is a writer all students should experience. The plays are just wonderful for the actors to perform and experience."

As Chekhov was an early 20th Century Russian writer, the style of these mini-comedies is very different from what most of the actors are used to performing. To help them understand

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I must admit now that the movie scene this summer was not a total washout. The new "Shaft" brought to the table hard-hitting action, slick dialogue, and the coolest actor in the business, Samuel L. Jackson. But despite his reputation, Jackson did not upstage the rest of the characters, allowing the whole collaboration to play off each other and entertain.

Another film that lived up to its promise of dynamic action was "The Patriot." Mel Gibson turns in an electrifying performance as Benjamin Martin, a southern farmer forced to fight against the British army during the Revolutionary War. The actor who really steals this film, Jason Isaacs, plays Martin's nemesis Colonel William Tavington. The film is about two and a half hours long but the action sizzles enough to make you want to see more.

Only time will tell if this past movie season proves as abysmal as it now seems to me. Hopefully, Hollywood will see the error of its ways and offer us a better selection this winter, when the industry will pull out all of the stops to get our hard-earned money, and our Oscar votes.

What Are You Looking Forward to the Most This Year?

Photos and interviews by Juliette Gomez



"Having a good time and not flunking out."

Ryan Thompson, junior



"Being away from my parents."

April Gross, freshman



"Being with new friends."

Jenna Fisher, freshman



"Christmas vacation."

Sarah Rose-Jensen, sophomore



"Going to football games."

Scott Burkholder, junior

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An entranced student.

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DeLuca told Spencer, that he would think he was Ricky Martin. He told sophomore Chrissy Swain that she would speak in a different language and sophomore Matt Heimerle that he could understand her and translate for the audience.

Without fail, whenever DeLuca counted to five and clapped his hands, all the volunteers would wake up. DeLuca would get the audience to clap as if the show were over and then begin to prompt the volunteers to act out the "skits." Once again without fail, every single one of them acted out what DeLuca had

felt like I was in a trance," Swain said.

Every once in awhile, DeLuca would speak to the volunteers off of the microphone, but the Giant Productions staff on stage said that what he told them did not really affect what the audience saw. They said he was just soothing them farther into the trance and giving them a few suggestions about how to act when awakened.

"You lose inhibition. I felt like I did stuff I wouldn't normally do, but it felt right. It all seems very dreamlike, very hazy now," sophomore Bonnie Ryan said.

Many of the volunteers seemed to have similar reactions to the experience, all pleasant. Most said that they don't remember most of what went on while they were on stage. A couple people who did remember something said that it was all very unclear.

"Everyone seemed to know exactly what I did except for me," Erkinen said.

"I kind of remember doing Ricky Martin," Spencer said. "It was really incredible, though. I loved it."

All the volunteers also said that after the show was over, they felt a little disoriented but overall calm.

"My body felt relaxed the whole night afterwards," said Heimerle. "I felt mellowed out and chill. I would definitely do it again."

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Two Weeks til Curtain on 'Vaudevilles'

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the comedy and irony within these vignettes, director Michael Joyce appointed senior theatre major Paul Dunford as dramaturg for the show.

"Essentially a dramaturg is a scholar of sorts attached to a show who understands the history and style of the writer," Dunford said. "I answer any questions they have about Chekhov's background and help explain some early 20th Century Russian history so what they're saying makes more sense to them."

Dunford, a former Russian student, attended the cast's first rehearsal to give a short bio on Chekhov and to listen to the cast's first read-through.

"Of course, they didn't understand a lot of what they were reading," Dunford said. "In general, most Americans

misunderstand Russian history. Chekhov pokes fun at the institutions at the time and once the actors understand, they'll preserve the flavor of the whole piece."

Because of the short audition time, the actors have to start figuring out the blocking of scenes since all six shows eventually have to share the stage together. Stage manager Jessa Hardy has been streamlining the process to help things run as efficiently as possible.

"The challenge that comes with working with six one-acts is that we have to see each one on stage, and there's only two and a half weeks until the production opens," said Hardy, a junior. "It's crunch time. The actors have less than a week to memorize their lines."

Dunford thinks that the comedies will be well-received. "Writing wasn't what Chekhov first chose to do, so these little plays are like his B-movies," he explained. "They're very clever, intelligent, and humor-oriented."

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I thought "The Perfect Storm" would be an outstanding depiction of man versus nature. All it ended up being was a feeble attempt at a story with a lot of glitter and star power. The crew was filled with so much testosterone that I could not feel any pity for their situation.

My movie odyssey ended with "Scary Movie," a spoof of the "Scream" series. It was supposed to have audiences rolling in the aisles with laughter. I think although the Wayans Brothers had good intentions when

they started this project, their end result was a lot of unnecessary humor that just did not make a whole lot of sense.

I must admit now that the movie scene this summer was not a total washout. The new "Shall" brought to the table hard-hitting action, slick dialogue, and the coolest actor in the business, Samuel L. Jackson. But despite his reputation, Jackson did not upstage the rest of the characters, allowing the whole collaboration to play off each other and entertain.

Another film that lived up to its promise of dynamic action was "The Patriot." Mel Gibson turns in an electrifying performance as Benjamin Martin, a southern farmer forced to fight against the British army during the Revolutionary War. The actor who really steals this film, Jason Isaacs, plays Martin's nemesis Colonel William Tavington. The film is about two and a half hours long but the action sizzles enough to make you want to see more.

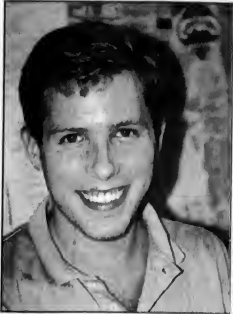
Only time will tell if this past movie season proves as abysmal as it now seems to me. Hopefully, Hollywood will see the error of its ways and offer us a better selection this winter, when the industry will pull out all of the stops to get our hard-earned money, and our Oscar votes.



Heath Ledger and Mel Gibson in "The Patriot," one of the few well-received movies from this summer.

What Are You Looking Forward to the Most This Year?

Photos and interviews by Juliette Gomez



"Having a good time and not flunking out."

Ryan Thompson, junior



"Being away from my parents."

April Gross, freshman



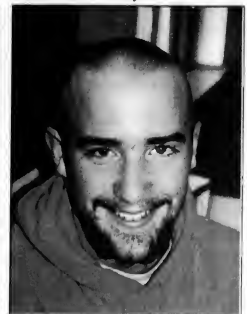
"Being with new friends."

Jenna Fisher, freshman



"Christmas vacation."

Sarah Rose-Jensen, sophomore



"Going to football games."

Scott Burkholder, junior

Hypnotized Students Amuse Peers, Recall Little

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now, when I count to five and you open your eyes fully you will think you can see the audience nude," DeLuca repeated several times to a few of the volunteers.



Juliette Gomez/Bullet
An entranced student.

suggested once he gave them the cue.
"I was sitting there and watching the other people on stage do stupid stuff, but I thought I was normal. I really

felt like I was in a trance," Swain said.

Every once in awhile, DeLuca would speak to the volunteers off of the microphone, but the Giant Productions staff on stage said that what he told them did not really affect what the audience saw. They said he was just soothing them farther into the trance and giving them a few suggestions about how to act when awakened.

"You lose inhibition. I felt like I did stuff I wouldn't normally do, but it felt right. It all seems very dreamlike, very hazy now," sophomore Bonnie Ryan said.

Many of the volunteers seemed to have similar reactions to the experience, all pleasant. Most said that they don't remember most of what went on while they were on stage. A couple people who did remember something said that it was all very unclear.

"Everyone seemed to know exactly what I did except for me," Erkinen said.

"I kind of remember doing Ricky Martin," Spencer said. "It was really incredible, though. I loved it."

All the volunteers also said that after the show was over, they felt a little disoriented but overall calm.

"My body felt relaxed the whole night afterwards," said Hiemerle. "I felt mellowed out and chill. I would definitely do it again."

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Two Weeks til Curtain on 'Vaudevilles'

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the comedy and irony within these vignettes, director Michael Joyce appointed senior theatre major Paul Dunford as dramaturg for the show.

"Essentially a dramaturg is a scholar of sorts attached to a show who understands the history and style of the writer," Dunford said. "I answer any questions they have about Chekhov's background and help explain some early 20th Century Russian history so what they're saying makes more sense to them."

Dunford, a former Russian student, attended the cast's first rehearsal to give a short bio on Chekhov and to listen to the cast's first read-through.

"Of course, they didn't understand a lot of what they were reading," Dunford said. "In general, most Americans

misunderstand Russian history. Chekhov pokes fun at the institutions at the time and once the actors understand, they'll preserve the flavor of the whole piece."

Because of the short audition time, the actors have to start figuring out the blocking of scenes since all six shows eventually have to share the stage together. Stage manager Jessa Hardy has been streamlining the process to help things run as efficiently as possible.

"The challenge that comes with working with six one-acts is that we have to see each one on stage, and there's only two and a half weeks until the production opens," said Hardy, a junior. "It's crunch time. The actors have less than a week to memorize their lines."

Dunford thinks that the comedies will be well-received. "Writing wasn't what Chekhov first chose to do, so these little plays are like his B-movies," he explained. "They're very clever, intelligent, and humor-oriented."

In addition, auditions for Cabaret will be held next Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 11th and 12th.

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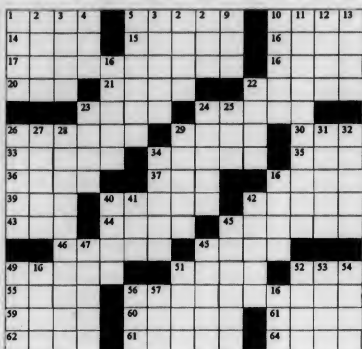
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Crossword

By Ed Canty

" Revolutionaries "

- ACROSS**
- 1 Swedish rock group
 - 5 Religious organiza-tions
 - 10 Colony dwellers
 - 14 African nation
 - 15 Weight unit
 - 16 Chute opening
 - 17 Revolutionary hero
 - 19 Bag
 - 20 Dir.
 - 21 Agaln
 - 22 Expressed pleasure
 - 23 Poses
 - 24 Warsaw jlg
 - 26 Scrubs
 - 29 Role
 - 30 UN home
 - 33 _____ contested
 - 34 S. China seaport
 - 35 Pronoun
 - 36 1975 Wimbledon champ
 - 37 Vote yes
 - 38 Parent
 - 39 Served at Boston Party
 - 40 Goofed
 - 42 Sayers and Gordon
 - 43 Important nmbr.
 - 44 July 4th, e.g.
 - 45 Foreigners
 - 46 Assists
 - 48 Overwhelmed
 - 49 More competent
 - 51 Fed. Job safety law
 - 52 Holiday resort
 - 55 Wage adj.
 - 56 Revolutionary hero
 - 59 March
 - 60 Tripod
 - 61 High hour
 - 62 DC VIPs
 - 63 Remove
 - 64 Colorless
- DOWN**
- 1 Current units
 - 2 Barnyard sounds



- 3 Sad
- 4 Feel ill
- 5 Fragrances
- 6 Roof overhangs
- 7 Work force
- 8 Feather's partner
- 9 Fr. Sainte
- 10 Vertical position: Nautical
- 11 Revolutionary hero
- 12 Right
- 13 Stated
- 18 Stormy
- 22 Choir member
- 23 Follows garage
- 24 Stroke
- 25 A man _____ mouse
- 26 Heart to hearts
- 27 Misplaces
- 28 Revolutionary hero
- 29 Name on a check
- 31 Asian nation
- 32 Crude
- 34 Mercantile estab-lishments
- 38 Young woman
- 40 German river
- 41 Tell on
- 42 Gather grain
- 45 For a short time
- 47 Snouts
- 48 Cigarette problems
- 49 Statues
- 50 Send to sleep
- 51 Greek peak
- 52 Greek portico
- 53 Office kitty
- 54 Frau Frank
- 56 Teeny
- 57 Swiss river
- 58 Presidential concern

Quotable Quote

"I must study politics and war that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy."

... President John Adams

The answer to this week's crossword will be appear in the next Bullet.

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College Hikes Caps On Gen Ed Class Enrollments

By TERESA JOERGER

Associate Editor

Most general education classes will hold five more students this semester due to the increase of students in the freshman class.

According to Phil Hall, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, the number of new students is the same this year as it was last year but more of them are freshmen and fewer are transfer students. The result is a greater demand for general education classes.

"There was some regret expressed at the time, but most everybody realized that it is the best way for having new students with complete schedules," Hall said.

Academic Affairs decided early in the summer to raise the cap on most general

education classes from 35 to 40 students, with the exception of writing intensive and speaking intensive courses and also courses taught in rooms that were already filled to their maximum capacity.

In addition, eight new classes were opened, mostly in the Department of English, Linguistics, and Speech, many of which are close to full enrollment according to ELS Department Chair William Kemp.

"Raising the cap was necessary, but regrettable," Kemp said. "The college did everything it could as far as finding other solutions—there's just a lot of people."

According to the Office of Admissions, the number of incoming freshmen was 834 last year, compared to 888 this year.

"As soon as we knew that the freshman class was coming in large, we reduced the

number of transfer acceptances," said Martin Wilder, vice president for enrollment management and dean of admissions, earlier this summer in a memo to the faculty. "As a result, we currently have 18 transfers compared to 183 who entered last fall."

In total, there are 1017 new students this year, compared to 24 last year. Wilder also explained that though the college extended fewer offers for admission this year, a greater percentage of students accepted. The memo also noted that other colleges, including Virginia Tech and Longwood, are experiencing similar problems.

"Bottom line — we were just more popular than we expected. Suffice it to say that admissions is not an exact science — we're dealing with the vagaries of 17- and 18-year-olds after all," Wilder said.

Craig Vasey, chair of the department of classics, philosophy and religion and president of the faculty senate, said that while the increase in students has caused professors to adjust their teaching methods and will take more time for grading, most professors have accepted the decision.

"I think people said 'we'll have to deal with it' and moved on. It's not like they're out in the streets about this," he said.

Freshman Erin McLaughlin is taking three general education classes this semester. She said that the class size is very similar to that of her high school classes.

"I'm not sure yet if the size of the class is important," she said. "I'm not sure if my professors will remember my name or not. If they can't, then the class is too big, but for right now they're fine."

Maggie Marriot, also a freshman, is taking five general education classes. She agrees that there is not much of a difference from her high school experience.

"My classes in high school had around 30 people, so they don't seem that big to me. It also helps that the classrooms are bigger than in high school," she said.

She also said that she wants to be able to know her professors on a more personal level because she feels it will help her academic performance, but she does not think that five more students will make a difference.

Vasey said that the need to raise the cap indicates that the college needs to plan more sections of general education classes in the future.

Wilder also mentioned in the memo that the Office of Admissions will continue to work toward finding a way to more accurately project the number of students that will arrive in August.

"We will continue to try and refine our process for enrollment projections, and hopefully our crystal ball will work better the next time around," he said.

Hall said that although raising the caps was the best way for the college to adjust for the number of incoming students, he regretted contradicting the college's philosophy about providing the "small college experience."

"It is more important to meet the needs of students than to be unbending on the enrollment caps," Hall said. "It was the lesser of two evils."

"We will continue to try and refine our process for enrollment projections, and hopefully our crystal ball will work better the next time around."

Martin Wilder



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The college has raised the enrollment caps on many general education courses, and many classrooms on campus are full to capacity.

College Considers Restructuring Summer Pay Scale To Avoid Deficit

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Robin Morgan, a senior transfer student who took three courses over the summer, said she would have preferred having the course offerings in printed form.

"If you're new to the campus and you don't know where to look for summer courses, then you think they aren't there," Morgan said. "And when I went to talk to my advisor about which summer courses to take, the network was down."

Susan Stevenson, registrar and summer session director who started at the college on May 1, said that the course listings for summer session 2001 will be published both online and in printed booklets.

According to Phil Hall, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, the college is considering restructuring the pay scale for professors who teach summer courses. For summer 2000, faculty were paid 2.4 percent of their regular nine-month teaching salary for each credit hour they taught during the summer. According to Hall, the college is considering paying summer professors a set rate based on position (associate professor, assistant professor, etc.), rather than a percentage of their yearly salary.

Hurley, who served as vice president for administration and finance at Longwood College before accepting the position at Mary Washington College, said that he feels Longwood's summer sessions have been consistently profitable because of the college's structure for summer faculty salaries.

"We never lost money on a summer school class because of the pay plan for the faculty," Hurley said.

He added that Longwood usually generated profits of approximately \$500,000 for its summer sessions. He explained that this excess was expected each year and was not "profit" in the traditional sense but rather used to support the overall operations of the college.

In compiling the report on summer session 2000, Morello included information gathered from 12 public universities and colleges in Virginia about how they structure summer faculty salaries.

According to the report, faculty at Longwood receive a flat rate per course depending on rank, and they receive a significantly lower rate for courses with fewer than eight students.

Jim Gaines, chair of the Modern Foreign Languages department, said he is not opposed to a new approach to determining summer salaries.

"It's probably a necessity, in view of the current situation," he said.

Of the 12 Virginia institutions included in the report, Mary Washington College is the only one that guarantees all summer courses.

Since 1997, Mary Washington College has guaranteed its summer courses rather than

making the classes contingent on enrollment. The guarantee ensures that any course offered will be held, regardless of the number of students who enroll in the course. Before 1997, if a course generated a very small enrollment, the professor could opt to teach it at a reduced salary or cancel the course altogether.

Hall and Morello said that the college will try to maintain the guarantee for summer courses, although all options are being considered to avoid another deficit, including returning to contingent course offerings.

Rosemary Barra, chair of the biology department, feels that summer courses should be guaranteed.

"Students and faculty should be able to count on what they're doing," she said. Daniel Brown, a senior who took four classes this summer, said that the course guarantee provided him with a unique classroom experience.

"One of the four classes I signed up for was a music class to fulfill my general education requirement. I was the only person who signed up for it, but the class had to go on because it was in the catalogue. I was basically personally tutored by the professor," he said.

"It turned out great for me," Brown added, "But the school definitely lost out financially."

Both Morello and Hall said that course offerings for future summer sessions will be scrutinized in order to avoid providing the courses under

"I think you can achieve objectives—be careful of what you still have a good array of," Morello said.

"Be careful of what you offer and still have a good array of courses available."

John Morello

Combs Plans Approved

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state.

A spokesperson for Einhorn Yaffee Prescott was not available for comment.

According to John Morello, assistant vice president for academic affairs, "After the firm's disapproval of the original plans, Einhorn Yaffee Prescott submitted working drawings again and provided acceptable answers to the various comments that were initially raised."

Now at this point," continued Morello, "we are trying to get a bid for the project so that we can hire a contractor to do the work and until we do that, we cannot go forward."

Matt Duerksen, capital outlay director and project manager for the construction project, stated, "The project should be bid sometime around the first of October which would mean we would get bids back around the first of November and start construction of the building sometime after the first of the year, but it all depends on how we get through the bids."

Duerksen also added, "Plans look good so far and the final outcome of the building should look something like the inside of the first floor of Jepson Hall."

Combs Hall was the college's science building until the nearly \$12 million Jepson Science Center was constructed two years ago and the science departments relocated. Since then Combs Hall has been used mainly for storage.

The renovation plans for Combs Hall call for a new speaking center in addition to a more advanced modern foreign language lab, a networked writing lab for English students, a shared lab for journalism and linguistics, office space for the debate team as well as a more advanced archaeology lab and a new museum conservation lab for the department of

The department of English, linguistics and speech, which is currently located in Chandler Hall, is in desperate need of the move.

William Kemp, ELS chair, says that it is a shame that the move was delayed because of the cramped situations that his department now has to live with.

"The opening of Combs Hall will bring the English department back together because as of now we have two full time faculty and three adjuncts with their offices in Fairfax House as well as having English classes taught in Monroe and Dupont," Kemp said. "It is habitual that faculty teach where their department is and it has always been that way here."

Kemp, who has already moved his department twice before from Chandler to

Dupont and back, is used to this process.

"The new building will also provide us with teaching facilities we do not already have here in Chandler like a large lecture hall and a computer based writing lab," Kemp said. "In terms of personnel we are the largest department by far so wherever we go 6000 students end up and we are just too big for Chandler."

Junior English major Brian DeMoss agrees with Kemp's ideas on the much needed room for the department.

"That building has been sitting over there empty for three years although they have been saying that they are going to do something with it," DeMoss said. "It is just annoying that there is an empty building on campus that the English department could be using."

Gary Stanton, associate professor of historic preservation, said that reopening Combs Hall will better the learning environment of the college.

"This is an opportunity to improve the quality of space we have available to us while gaining the chance to teach with more advanced teaching facilities," he said.

Stanton sees the setback of plans as an inevitable occurrence that comes along in any typical construction project.

"One advantage is that our electronic infrastructure may be more state of the art because prices constantly fall in electronics so we may get a better installation for the amount of money available to us," Stanton said. "It is bad that we have to postpone the move but with postponing it we may get more with the amount of money we spend."

The historic preservation department's archaeology lab is currently located on the second floor of Goodrick Hall in conditions that Stanton said do not cater well to conservation due to moisture and humidity.

Junior historic preservation major Kelly Shea was hoping to be able to take advantage of the new renovated Combs Hall in her senior year.

"It is frustrating that I will not get to use the new and better facilities that the department so desperately needs and deserves," Shea said.

John Wiltenmuth, assistant vice president for facilities services, said that now that the plans have been approved, it will not be long before the project gets underway.

"We are at a point now where I am confident that any issues raised will have minimal impact on schedule," Wiltenmuth said. "If all goes well we could potentially have the building open by January of 2002, but no definite dates can be set yet."

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